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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA: LATEST 1977 GRAIN CROP ESTIMATE

1.DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 6, CZECHOSLOVAK MIN.
OF AGRIC. REVEALED FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE 1977 GRAIN CROP.
TOTAL HARVEST BASED ON PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT CAME TO 10.43
MIL. TONS. THIS INCLUDED YIELDS OF 4.07 TONS OF WHEAT; 3.77
TONS OF BARLEY AND 4.77 TONS OF CORN PER HECTAR. NO FURTHER
DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE FIGURES SUGGEST THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN
1977 HARVESTED 5.2 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT FROM AN ESTIMATED
1.28 MIL. HECTARES; 3.26 MIL. TONS OF BARLEY FROM AN ESTIMATED
865.000 HECTARES; AND 880.000 TONS OF CORN FROM AN ESTIMATED
185.000 HECTARES. RYE AND OATS MAY HAVE COME TO 1.1 MIL.
TONS.

3. BECAUSE OF HEAVY RAINS DURING THE SMALL GRAIN HARVEST,
THE QUALITY OF THE CROP WAS RELATIVELY POOR. POSSIBILITIES
STILL EXIST THAT ABOVE FIGURES MIGHT BE SCALED DOWN BY THE
TIME ASSESSMENT OF THE 1977 GRAIN CROP IS COMPLETED. WOLF

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